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OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Friday August 4th. to Monday August 7th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. I *Have been a long time your Subscriber (to my Content) but never yet Troubled you with the Solution of a Question. But being the other Day in Company with a Learned Person, he affirm'd the Mother of* God, *the Blessed Virgin* Mary, *had several Children after the Birth of our Lord* Christ, *by her Husband* Joseph, *and consequently was no Virgin at the time of her Death; and that by the Opinion and Doctrin of the Church of* England, *she did not Dye a Virgin. The Dispute ended in a Wager of Twenty* Guineas *to be Decided by the University of* Oxford, *but that Decision requiring time it was at last resolved to be left to you, on which, I pray your Decisive Opinions. Several Texts of Scripture were quoted on both sides, but that which he insisted most upon, was,* And Joseph did not know Mary till after the Birth of her First-Born Son, called Jesus, *&c. This was Learnedly Answer'd by another Person in Company. Your Solution is Impatiently expected in your next, by these Gentlemen and by,* Sirs,

Your Admirer and most Humble Servant,

J. R———.

A. It is in no Sense true, that it is the Doctrin of the Church of *England*, that the Blessed *Mary* did not Dye a Virgin. For the Articles and Homilies which are her declared Doctrin are Silent about this Point: And as for her most Approved and Celebrated Writers (whose Unanimous Assertions may be improperly called the Doctrin of the Church of *England*) they have constantly maintained the perpetual Virginity, tho' not as an Article of Faith. (For the Scripture asserts no such Thing) yet as a Truth very well grounded upon the three following Reasons. 1. Upon Consideration of the Goodness and Piety of *Mary*, which cou'd not suffer her so far to Dishonor that Body, which had Lodged the Son of God, and which the Power of the Highest had overshadowed; neither cou'd the Persuasion of *Joseph*'s Piety suffer him to be Guilty of such a Presumption. 2. Because the Perpetual Virginity of *Mary* has been the Constant Doctrin of the Catholick-Church, and the Opposers of it Branded with the Name of *Heretics*, called by St. *Austin* in his Catalogue of Heresies *Antidicomarianites*, under which Name they were Condemned, by the Sixth General Council: tho' by the *Latins* they were generally called *Helvidians* from *Helvidius* who in the Fourth Century, Writ in Dishonor of the Blessed Virgin, and was Confuted by St. *Hierom*. 3. For the strengthening of the two preceding Reasons, it is well urged that the contrary cannot be proved from Scripture. For even the Negative Authority of Scripture is of Force in such Doctrines as are Pious and highly Reasonable in themselves, and have been constantly maintained by the Church of *God*, and when the Denying of such Doctrines favors of Impiety and Profaneness, as well as an Humor of Obstinately Gainsaying without any Grounds. Now, all the Texts of Scripture that have been urged by those that have taken the Boldness to deny this Truth, are easily proved Insufficient. The Objection mentioned by the Querist, that, *Joseph knew not Mary till she had brought forth her First-Born Son*, will (when compared with other Scripture Language) afford no such Inference, as that he afterwards did know her. For the Particle *until* do's in Scripture often referr to the Time past without having any Relation to that which is to come. As may be seen, *Gen.* 28. 15. *Deut.* 34. 6. 1 *Sam.* 15. 35. 2 *Sam.* 6. 23. *Ps.* 123. 2. and 110. 1. Neither can it be concluded that *Mary* had more Children, because of *Christ*'s being called her *First-Born*. For the opening of the Womb according to the Law of *Moses* determined the First-Born, and that was to be Consecrated to the Lord without staying for a Second Birth; so that the First-Born might be oftentimes the only Begotten, this Scripture Notion of Priority only excluding an Antecedent, and not inferring a Consequent. And whereas we Read of *Jesus*'s Bretheren, these might

be either the Children of *Joseph* by a former Wife, as the *Greek* Church Taught; or the Kindred of the Blessed Virgin. For thus we Read in Scripture that *Abraham* and *Lot* were Bretheren, when notwithstanding *Lot* was *Abraham*'s Nephew. Again, *Jacob* calls him self the Brother when he was the Nephew of *Laban*. And *Moses* calls *Mishael* and *Elzaphan* the Bretheren when they were only of the Kindred of *Nadab* and *Abihu*. And if it can farther be made appear that *James* and *Joses* who are expresly called our Lord's Bretheren were not the Sons of our Lord's Mother, then the Argument which is urged from hence against her Perpetual Virginity will fall to the Ground. Now, St. *John*, says, that *there stood by the Cross of Jesus his Mother, and his Mothers Sister, Mary the Wife Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen* In the other Evangelists we find at the same Place, *Mary Magdalen*, and *Mary* the Mother of *James* and *Joses*; and again, at the Sepulcher, *Mary Magdalen* and the other *Mary* Which other *Mary* seems therefore to be the Wife of *Cleophas*, and the Mother of *James* and *Joses*. Consequently *James* and *Joses* were not the Sons of our Lord's Mother, tho' called in Scripture Language, *Jesus*'s Bretheren. For these Reasons our Opinion is Decisive for the Perpetual Virginity of *Mary*.

Q. *How comes it, that* Bears *in* Greenland, *also* Dormice, Tortoises, *&c. which Sleep all the Winter, and have no supplies of Food, yet when they Wake again, have all solid the parts of their Body as large and firm as before they Slept.*

A. The Flame of the Heart, all that time, is but gently mov'd, and Consumes very little of their Spirits and Blood: For the substance of the Solid Parts is not the Fuel of the Vital Flame, as some have suppos'd, but the matter of Substance, conceiv'd to be in the Fluid Parts of the Body, especially the Blood and Spirits, which have something in them of the Nature of Sulphur.

Q. Apollo, *Tho' you seem'd to Banter me, in your late Answer to my Addresses to you, for Advice how I might behave my self so as to persuade my Mistress I Love her, and what methods I must pursue to obtain her Affection; yet I must confess it was very Ingenious, and a great deal of real Truth, tho' spoke in Jest: For it is very Notorious, that when Men enter on the Passion* Love, *they Relinquish all the Evidences of a Reasonable Soul, and seem not only to Affect the Reverse, but also to take great Pride in their folly, for very few of their Actions demonstrate them to be in their right Senses. But admitting your Prescriptions just, to give a Demonstration to the Lady that I am in Love with her; you forget to Advise me how I shou'd obtain the Lady's Affections, but only inform'd me, I was wholly in the* Wrong *in the Measures I took. Now, if* Apollo, *will put me in the* Right, *it will be the highest Obligation upon,*

Yours, STREPHON.

A. The Reason why we gave not *Strephon*, our Advice in Answer to this part of his Address, was, because we had not Room in our Paper, which therefore is now at his Service. You urg'd that you gave the Lady sufficient Demonstration, that all the Faculties of your Soul were fully Resign'd and Devoted to her, even to a Neglect of all the rest of her Sex. This was all wrong, for when they assume their Dispotic Power, and use us like Slaves; nor think they the Conquest over such, worth their Regard, who cannot help their Subjection: Their Triumph is, to reduce one to Obedience, who defies the Influence of their Charms; to fix a Mercurial *Inamorato*, who if *Philis* Frowns, can fly to *Silvia*, and if not Incouraged by her Smiles, can next hour forget he ever saw her Face. Can Dye for a Lady to Day, and Recover to a Perfect State of Health to Morrow. While he who is Smitten at first sight, and submits himself entirely to his Mistresses Disposal, his Passion appears rather the effect of his Destiny, than of her Charms, and they despise a Conquest not obtain'd by their own Forces. Therefore we Advise you to tell her, that since she neglects your Services, you cannot doubt but she will pardon you, if you offer them ellewhere, where you have some Reasons to believe that they may be acceptable, and withal, order your matters so, that she may concieve some Umbrage of your Designs on the Lady you mention'd of a great Fortune. And doubt not but this will have some Influence over her, for the Ladies cannot bear to have it thought, their Conqaests are not so absolute, but that it is out of the Power of their Subjects to withdraw their Allegiance. Nay, their Envy at each other, is often so great, that they accept of Services, otherwise they might have slighted, only to deprive their Rivals of them. A Gentleman of our Society knew a Lady, who was often in Company with a Gentleman, by Reason of a near Neighborhood, against whom she conceiv'd so great a Prejudice, that she thought it was an Antipathy in her Nature towards him, for she cou'd give no Reason for it, since she had never been offended by him. He was Conscious of it, but being a well-bred Gentleman, he always behaved himself Civilly towards her, but without the least Design of making his Court to her. She happen'd one time to be inform'd, he made his addresses to a Lady of her Acquaintance, yet tho' she had no prejudice against her, she cou'd not bear to see her preferr'd to herself, as she thought, tho' by a Man she hated, therefore in perfect spight to her, by means of a Friendship she had with a Lady nearly Related to the Gentleman she brought matters so about as to procure the Gentleman's making his Addresses to herself, tho' at the same time she owned, that she retain'd her Aversion for him.

POEMS.

APOLLO,

Q. *OF late your Papers do abound,*
With Lines where little Wit is found;
Long tedious Queries in short Verse,
You did not use to serve us thus.

Therefore for Future to prevent
Their putting in, when such are sent;
And that ye may recieve wherewith ye
May fill your Papers with Lines pithy.

If to my House you'll Gratis send
Your Papers, often as they're Pen'd;
For, Sirs, I think it is not Fair,
That ye among your selves should share,
The Money gain'd, by Paper, which,
Our Wit hath often made so Rich:

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

For

For why should I thus rack my Brains,
(While you pack off with all the Gains)
And not one Mite get for my Pains.

I say, if you'll give Ear to Counsel,
And let your Boys over my Groundsel,
Three times a Week deliver British
Apollo, *which so full of Wit is;*
And save Money so in our Purse,
Wee'll Write ye something to the purpose;
Twelve times a Quarter, I will fit ye,
With Lines shall Sprightly be and Witty.

Now, you percieve what I advance, Sir,
What to Consideration offer.

Then let me have a speedy Answer,
Weether you Prize or Slight my proffer.

Your Old Friend, B. &c.

A. Prize it! aye, never doubt the least, Sir,
D'ye think *Apollo* such a Beast, Sir,
As not to haue regard for Man, who
Such wondrous Service for him ran through!
For on your Honor we believe it,
Since we know none we did recieve yet.
Nay, more, if you will show but one,
Of all the Kindnesses you've done,
We'll pay Arrears into the Bargain,
Altho' the Proof may be a hard thing.

But Pardon if we do advise ye
(Only to shew how much we Prize ye)
What Method we wou'd have you set on,
And then your *Genius* we will bet on,
That is, what Lines may next be Writ,
Be the Reverse of all as yet,
And such will certainly be Wit.

Q. APOLLO, *the end,*
You often pretend,
In answ'ring the matters we write;
Our Sex is to please,
And their troubles to ease;
Whilst you take in our Service Delight.

At present my Grief,
Requires your Relief,
In a matter of no little weight;
For it gives me such Pain
I cannot remain
Alive, very long in that State.

The faithfullest Swain,
E'er dwelt on the plain,
These Sev'n Years hath su'd for Compassion;
Which Cruelly I,
All this while did deny,
To appear like a Nymph of the Fashion.

At length I am won,
But at same time undone,
For now he's as Cool, as before;
To him I appear'd,
That 'tis to be fear'd,
He will make his Addresses no more.

Dear Phœbus, *now say,*
By what means I may.
The Shepherd's Affection Recover;
Or else I am lost,
Or what I fear most,
May see him possest by another.

A Rival I ne'er,
Most certain can bear,
Insulted by one of my Sex;
Yet tho' I resent it,
Know not to prevent it,
Which my Thonghts with Confusion perplex.

SILVIA.

A. Poor *Silvia* we doubt,
We shall ne'er bring about,
On the same Foot they were on before;
The matters you mention,
With all our Invention,
Or any Redresses explore.

You play'd with the Bait,
'Till it grew out of Date,
And never thought fit to begin;
Your Passion, 'till his
Was ended, by this,
You've lost all you ever did win.

We know but one way,
Any Hopes can display,
That is whilst he keeps him *Reserv'd*
For Sev'n Years, that you,
Your Passion pursue,
Serving *CUPID*, as long as he Serv'd.

When those ended are,
You're both on the Square,
If then you both fairly shall start,
Renewing your Passion,
In Laudable Fashion,
You never may afterwards part.

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THE Letters from *Berlin*, August the 2d, Advise that the King is removed from Oranienburg to Landsberg, that the same Day the Queen went to Visit the Dutchess her Mother who is very much Indispoted at Grabe; That Monsieur Lith, the Muscovite Envoy to that Court, is returned with his Lady from Dresden, together with Monsieur Rantzau the Minister of Denmark, who accompanied them thither, in order to pay his Respects to the Prince of Muscovy. That the Letters from *Riga*, of the 23d of the last Month, say that the Swedish Garrison Marched out on the 21st; and the 24th General Cezeremetoff had appointed to Receive in the Name of his Czarish Majesty the Homage and Oath of Fidelity of the States of Livonia, who were then to be Assembled in that Place; That one half of the Army of the Crown of Poland is Marched from Nisko towards Camiack on the Frontiers of the Turkish Dominions, and are augmenting the Fortifications of that Town; That according to the last Advices they assured that the King of Sweden continues still at Bender, and that they are informed of the Death of Monsieur Poniatowski, his Majesty's Envoy, to the Grand Signior, who Died on his Journey, as he was returning from Constantinople.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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